

A SURVEY OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION:

IT IS SAID, IF YOU GIVE A MAN A FISH, YOU FEED HIM FOR A DAY; IF YOU TEACH HIM TO FISH, YOU FEED HIM FOR LIFE. TODAY I HOPE I'LL BE ABLE TO TEACH YOU TO FISH, BY UNDERSTANDING HOW TO READ AND UNDERSTAND THE BOOK OF REVELATION.

Revelation is to reveal; therefore, the book of Revelation is to reveal to us Jesus Christ, because the book is about Him and what will happen at the end of this age. When I mention this age I am simple talking about the church age or the age of grace, when the Holy Spirit is here with us and active in our lives. The apostle John wrote the book of Revelation while he was in exile for his faith, on the Isle of Patmos. He was instructed by the Lord Jesus Christ to write the things which he saw. (Revelation 1:11) What he wrote should be sent to the seven churches in Asia Minor, which serve as a representation of all churches of believers. A study of the book of Revelation shows symbols and images and the explanation of both. It also shows prophecies and fulfillment of prophecies in the books of Daniel and Ezekiel. A proper study of the book of Revelation, should be accompanied with the study of the book of Daniel, examples will be given later. Today I will give you an outline of the book of Revelation and if time permits, I will talk about the Second Coming or the Return of Christ which concludes the book of Revelation.

A GOOD OUTLINE FOR THE BOOK OF REVELATION IS; REVELATION 1:19 it says , “ Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later”

- (A) What you have seen refers to the vision John saw of Christ. (Rev. 1)
- (B) What is now refers to the seven churches in Asia Minor (Rev. 2-3)
- (C) What will take place later refers to the future (Rev. 4-22)

It offers a blessing to those who read it, those who hear its word and heed the words which are written in it. (Revelation 1:3)


CHAPTER ONE: Contains The Foundation and The Two Themes of Revelation. Revelation removes the veil in two ways. FIRST, it lets us see Jesus in His glory. SECOND, Revelation unveils future events including the return of Jesus Christ to conquer evil.

The first theme of Revelation is that Jesus will return to conquer evil. (Rev. 1:3, 22:12, 20)

The second theme of Revelation is that only believers who overcome will inherit the Kingdom. (Rev. 14:9-13, 13:15-18, 2:20-26)

CHAPTER TWO FOCUSES ON JESUS; THE MAJOR THEME OF REVELATION: Messages to the seven churches (Revelation 2-3)

CHAPTER THREE; THE MESSAGES TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES.

CHAPTER FOUR EMPHASIZE THE MINOR THEME OF REVELATION: THAT ONLY THOSE WHO LISTEN TO THE SPIRIT AND OVERCOME EVIL  WILL INHERIT THE PROMISE OF GOD. (The open door in heaven. Rev.4:1-5)

The RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH: 1 Thes. 4:13-18; Luke 17:34, 21:36; Rev. 3:10; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58; John 14:1-4) (“Rapture is not found in the Bible, the term used is, CAUGHT UP”) COMPARE THE RAPTURE AND THE SECOND COMING (Page 77)

CHAPTERS 5-11: THE VISION OF CHRIST JUDGING THE WORLD; THE GREAT

TRIBULATION CHAPTERS 6-18; THE CHURCH IS NOT MENTIONED DURING THE
TRIBULATIONS (Rev. 6-18)

CHAPTER 12: VARIOUS PEOPLE AND EVENTS

CHAPTER 13 and DANIEL 2, 7-8: THE TWO BEASTS. (Images)

CHAPTERS 14-18: THE SEVEN BOWLS AND THE GREAT HARLOT:

CHAPTERS 19-20; THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST AND THE GREAT JUDGEMENT:

CHAPTERS 21-22; THE NEW JERUSALEM